Air services to Surat

2698. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce air service from Indore, Bangalore, Delhi and Bhavnagar to Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The airport at Surat is not suitable for operation of aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines. Vayudoot is operating Bombay Surat Bhavnagar and back three days a week. It has no plan to operate service through Surat to other stations due to operational and commercial reasons.

Spares shortage hits Indian Airlines network

2699. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that repeated failures of some critical components on the A-320 Aircraft and the Airbus Industries reluctance to promptly replace these guaranteed spare parts have thrown the Indian Airlines network into disarry as reported in the Times of India, dated June 27, 1992 under the title "Spares shortage hits Indian Airlines network"; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were premature failures of some of the components of A-320 aircraft. However, guarantees and waranties of such components are the direct responsibility of the original equipment manufacturers and not the Airbus Industries. These conditions are being honoured by the original equipment manufacturers. In case of delays, the matter is taken up at appropriate levels and close inter-action is maintained with the manufacturers.

Air service to Hubli, Mysore and Bellary

2700. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government and the people's representatives are making repeated requests for resuming air services from Hubli, Mysore and Bellary airports, which were suspended in 1989;

(b) whether Government are aware that these three airports are link airports for development of tourism, since many places of historic importance are located around the three airports; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to resume air services at an early date, removing impediments if any which are coming in the way?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Due to commercial and operational reasons it is not possible for Vayudoot to restore its services to Hubli, Mysore and Bellary at present.

Private Airlines facing problem of coordination

2701. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased ot state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to the private airlines to operate in the country;

(b) whether the private airlines are facing numerous problems of coordination with the International Airports Authority, National Airports Authority and the Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose for better coordination and smooth functioning of these aircdafts?